

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed January 25, 2006 ("Office Action"). At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-30 were pending in the application. Of the above, Claims 1-9, 18 and 19 have been withdrawn from consideration. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 10-17, 20 and 21 and objects to Claims 22-30. To advance prosecution of this case, Applicant amends Claims 10, 23, 25, and 28-30 and cancels Claims 11-13, 16-17, 20-22, and 27. Applicant does not admit that any amendments are necessary due to any prior art or any of the Examiner's rejections. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejects Claims 11-16, 20 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication 2004/0105239 A1 to Chiang ("*Chiang*") in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0076658 A1 to Aronson, et al. ("*Aronson*"). The Examiner rejects Claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Chiang* and *Aronson* further in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0021552 A1 to Mitchell ("*Mitchell*"). The Examiner objects to Claims 22-30 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicates that Claim 22 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant traverses these rejections. However, in order to advance prosecution, Applicant amends Claim 10 to incorporate elements of Claims 20-22, as suggested by the Examiner. Therefore, Claim 10 and Claims 14-15, 23-26, and 28-30 which depend from Claim 10 are allowable. Applicant does not disclaim the scope of the subject matter recited in the original claims which may be pursued by Applicant through a continuation application.

Although Claims 1-9 have been withdrawn from consideration, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 1 is allowable for reasons analogous to the reasons why amended Claim 10 is allowable. In particular, Claim 1 recites, in part, "a transceiver receptacle coupled to the housing, the transceiver receptacle having a first side defining a first interface portion and a second side defining a second interface portion ... a first adapter having a first connection portion configured to couple with the first interface portion ... a second adapter having a

second connection portion configured to couple with the second interface portion ... and wherein the transceiver receptacle is configured to mate with a first front panel opening of a network device when the first and second adapters are not coupled with the transceiver receptacle, and wherein the transceiver receptacle is configured to mate with a second front panel opening of a network device when the first and second adapters are coupled with the transceiver receptacle, the first and second front panel openings of a network device being of different sizes.” As with amended Claim 10 above, none of the cited references teach, suggest, or disclose these elements of Claim 1. Claim 1 is therefore allowable. Claims 2-9 depend from Claim 1, shown above to be allowable, and are therefore also allowable.

CONCLUSION

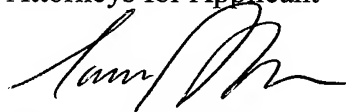
Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the Examiner is invited to contact Samir A. Bhavsar, Attorney for Applicant, at the Examiner's convenience at (214) 953-6581.

Applicant believes no fees are due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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